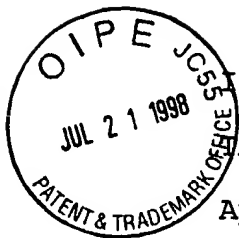


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the following document, which is listed on attached Form PTO-1449, and of which a copy is enclosed.

"Thinkstream Scan-O-matic User's Manual", Thinkstream Corporation, 1998

"Frequently Asked Questions",  
<<http://www.thinkstream.com/faq.html>>,  
(visited June 23, 1998)

"Information About Us",  
<<http://www.thinkstream.com/aboutus.html>>,  
(visited July 16, 1998)

These documents describe software available from Thinkstream Corporation including a software package referred to as "Scan-O-matic". "Scan-O-matic", in turn, includes a so-called "Thinkstream" printer driver that creates specially formatted files (see, e.g., User's Manual, page 35).

However, this printer driver and the specially formatted files are believed to be entirely different than the camera driver and the camera-formatted output data of the present invention.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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